

Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Families,

It has been a very busy first term and I am sure that all the students and staff are looking forward to a well-deserved break.

During the term I have had the opportunity to meet many of our families at various events and I have met with a very warm welcome. I have been repeatedly struck by the level of interest that there is by the wider community in the activities of the college. At the recent parent forum meeting, I asked for volunteers to participate in a parent stakeholder group. This invitation is now extended to those of you who were unable to attend. If you would like to be actively involved in making a positive contribution on the college's journey forward, we would welcome your input and would ask you to send an expression of interest to office@ryeacademytrust.org.

May I wish you a restful half term break and I look forward to seeing well prepared and eager students ready to learn on our return on Monday, 30th October.

Term 2 - Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
30/10/17	First day of Term 2
01/11/17	H&R Table Tennis Comp. (Under 16's)
02/11/17	H&R Table Tennis Comp. (Under 16's)
15/11/17	Year 10 Parent Evening
16/11/17	Year 13 Parent Evening (held in RSS)
22/11/17	KS4 Music Evening
23/11/17	Year 11 Parent Evening
w/c 04/12/17	Art & Photography Mocks
06/12/17	Christmas Lunch in the Canteen
06/12/17	H&R Badminton Comp. (Under 16's)
06/12/17	Carol Service at St. Mary's Church
07/12/17	H&R Badminton Comp. (Under 13's)
14/12/17	Year 7 Parent Evening
19/12/17	Christmas Concert
20/12/17	Last Day of Term 2

Open Evening & Open Mornings

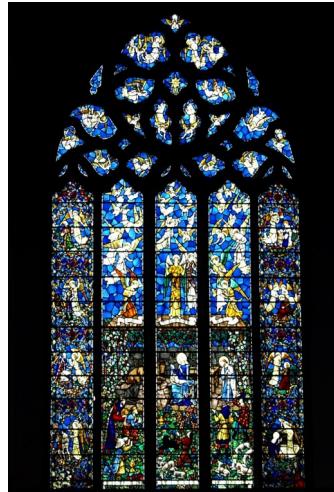
This term has been particularly busy, with our Open Evening for Year 6 students on 5th October and a series of Open Mornings throughout the month. We had a record number of visitors for Open Evening and have received many positive comments back from prospective students and parents. In particular, parents have noted the high quality of our student guides.

There was a fantastic response from all student year groups offering to help with all aspects of the evening; from acting as tour guides, playing musical instruments, participating in the dance displays to running experiments in the science laboratories. We are very proud of all those who took part and helped to make the evening such a success.

Parent Forum

The first Parent Forum of the Academic Year took place on Wednesday, 11th October and was held in the Studio School. Approximately twenty parents attended the meeting which was opened by the new Headteacher, Mr Blakelock, with a summary of the improvements that have taken place since the new leadership team joined in September. The summary was followed by an open floor style question and answer session with several pre-submitted questions from parents promoting a lively debate about a wide variety of subjects such as: homework and teacher feedback, student mentoring, student numbers, pupil premium, public transport timings and behaviour. If you are interested in attending the next parent forum session please check our website for future dates.

Year 7 Service of Dedication



On Thursday, 12th October our Year 7's became part of a long tradition at Rye College by attending a service of Dedication at St Mary's Church in Rye Town. The students walked to the church and took part in a service with a mix of music, readings and singing along with prayers led by Canon David Frost. It was lovely to see all of the students representing the college in the community.

Class Charts



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October has seen the launch of a new method of sharing homework details with students and parents. The new app is called Class Charts and this replaces the previous app, Show My Homework. All students have been given a letter to bring home containing their log on details. Class Charts is a useful tool which has many different aspects for teaching staff to use allowing them to tailor lessons to students needs more effectively. If you have any questions regarding the use of Class Charts please contact our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Downes via e-mail on dom.downes@ryeacademytrust.org

Parent Communication

The school is constantly striving to improve communications with parents and your child will soon be bringing home a data collection sheet. Please take the time to make sure that all of your contact details are correct as this will help to ensure that we can reach you quickly in the event of an emergency.

My Ed



The college and studio school's main form of communication with parents is via the 'My Ed' app, this uses parent's e-mail and mobile phone numbers to send letters, news and information. To make sure that you are kept fully informed, we ask that you share your e-mail and mobile number with us and advise us when any of your details change.

Contact

Parents of students at the college and studio school now have a single point of contact for the main reception on 01797 222545 or via e-mail on office@ryeacademytrust.org

If you have any queries about your child please contact their form tutor in the first instance - details can be found on your child's timetable in their planner.

Uniform

The vast majority of our students arrived for the start of the new academic year looking smart and well prepared for learning in September. If you have any queries about what items are required for the school uniform please consult our website page www.ryecollege.co.uk/parents/uniform that provides full details of the college dress code. A few reminders are shown below to aid parents in terms of the college's expectations:

- Blazers must be worn. Blazers may be taken off in lessons and during break and lunch times.
- Shirts are to be tucked in.
- Ties are to rest on the top button of shirts.
- Black trousers only - black jeans or leggings are not part of the uniform.
- Jewellery - students may wear a pair of studs in their ears. Any other piercings must be a clear plastic retainer only. Jewellery will be confiscated and passed to reception for collection at the end of the college day.
- Make-up - all make up must be discrete, students will be asked to remove it if it is not.
- Mobile phones and headphones may not be used during college hours. Both these items must be placed in a student's bag. Headphones and mobiles will be confiscated if seen and handed into reception for collection at the end of the college day.

